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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF A DEVICE BY USING MARKOV TRANSITION PROBABILITIES

This application includes:

<u>12</u>	pages of specifications,	including	claims and	abstract
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sheets of drawings, \_ formal/X informal containing 1 Figures 1

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